



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Highlights for June 22, 2009

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COLUMBUS RECEIVING STIMULUS MONEY FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION: Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0868-2009* to apply for and accept federal stimulus funds to support several energy efficiency and conservation projects under consideration by the city. Through formula and competitive grants offered by the U.S. Department of Energy, Columbus has been awarded \$7,403,500 to help reduce fossil fuel emissions, reduce the city's total energy use, improve energy efficiency, and create and retain jobs. To achieve these goals, the city is considering the following projects:

- ✓ Incentivizing business expansion through an energy efficiency revolving loan program
- ✓ Retrofitting up to 26 fire stations with energy efficient lighting
- ✓ Retrofitting 100% of the city's pedestrian signal heads with energy efficient LED technology
- ✓ Helping fund COSI's energy efficiency project to reduce general operating costs
- ✓ Implementing several bicycle infrastructure improvements including upgrading downtown parking garages with bike parking facilities and four new bike shelters (to be maintained by the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District).

CMAGE/CWA AGREE TO 5-DAY LAYOFF: Administration Committee Chair [A. Troy Miller](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0820-2009* to amend the collective bargaining contract between the city of Columbus and the members of CMAGE/Communications Workers of America Local 4502. If passed, this amendment would authorize the implementation of a 40-hour layoff to employees serving in that collective bargaining unit. The agreement will save an estimated \$827,000 and helps close the original \$13 million gap identified in the 2009 general fund budget earlier this year.

GINTHER PROMOTING COMMUNITY-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT: Commercial overlays work with existing zoning standards to help improve the character of commercial corridors. Development Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0544-2009* to establish commercial overlays for portions of the Lockbourne Road corridor, Main and Broad streets in the Eastmoor neighborhood, portions of Fifth and Cleveland avenues in Milo-Grogan, and portions of Bethel Road, SR 161 and Sawmill Road in the Northwest area. Each of the proposed overlays is the result of adopted neighborhood plan recommendations and community requests.

CITY, COUNTY PARTNER TO BUILD NEW COOKE ROAD BRIDGE: The deteriorating Cooke Road bridge is set to receive a much-needed renovation. Public Service & Transportation Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0781-2009* to authorize a \$170,000 contract with the Franklin County Engineer for construction of the bridge over Adena Brook. The renovation will include a total structure removal, new abutments cast in place, and a new pre-cast deck. This work is estimated to take approximately five weeks, during which time total closure of the road will be necessary.

USING GRANTS TO RESTORE SENIOR SERVICES: The Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging administers an extensive list of critical services to senior citizens. Recreation & Parks Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0843-2009* to accept two grants in the amount of \$450,874 and enter into seven contracts for the expansion of group and home-delivered meals for older adults. These funds will be used to restore nutrition services that have been cut and restore positions which may have been eliminated or reduced. Grant funding for the contracts is made available through the Ohio Department of Aging in connection with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 via the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

OFFERING HOPE TO THOSE IN NEED: The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program helps meet the housing needs of low-income individuals with HIV/AIDS. *Ordinance 0824-2009*, sponsored by Health, Housing & Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#), authorizes the appropriation of \$380,342 to continue support of the 2009 HOPWA program. This program is entirely funded by HUD and does not generate revenue or require a city match.

PALEY DELIVERING HIGH-QUALITY CITY SERVICES: As chair of the Utilities Committee, [Eileen Y. Paley](#) is working to ensure essential industrial supplies are readily available to keep the Division of Sewerage and Drainage operating at maximum efficiency. *Ordinance 0854-2009*, sponsored by Councilmember Paley, will modify and extend existing city-wide contracts for the option to purchase specialty and industrial gases for various city of Columbus agencies. These gases will be used for testing and cleaning city water as well as sewer maintenance projects.

Please note that City Council will not hold a meeting on Monday, June 29, 2009. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held July 6, 2009 at 5:00 pm.